

Remarks

Entry of the above Amendment is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-19 and 21-33 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 15, and 27 being the independent claims. Claims 1, 16-19, 21-22, and 28-30 are sought to be amended to correct formal matters without changing the scope of the claims. This amendment does not add new matter. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered.

Allowed Claims

The Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-19 and 21-33 in the Notice of Allowability.

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

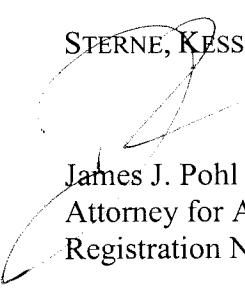
The Applicants note the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance presented on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability. The Applicants reserve the right to demonstrate claims 1-19 and 21-33 are allowable over the art made of record for further reasons related to any of their recited features. The Applicants further contend that reservation of this right does not give rise to any implication regarding whether the Applicants agree with, or acquiesce to, the reasoning provided by the Examiner.

Conclusion

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the above Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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